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N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
NEW JERSEY STATE
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

CASSANDRA JINKS, R.N.
License # NR 13189300

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a registered professional nurse in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

2. On or about May 2, 2013, the Board sent an inquiry to respondent at her address of record, by certified and regular mail, concerning allegations that while employed at Newton Medical Center respondent had admitted to diversion of hydromorphone for her own use. Respondent was also asked to document completion of continuing education requirements for the renewal period of 2009-2011.

The certified mailing was unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date.

3. Respondent indicated on her 2011 renewal application that she would have completed all required continuing education credits by May 31, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's failure to respond to a Board inquiry constitutes a violation of the duty of a licensee to cooperate with the Board pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, - 1.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

2. Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of required continuing education constitutes a violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, subjecting respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (h).

3. Respondent's failure to demonstrate timely completion of continuing education subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) for misrepresentation on her renewal application.

4. Respondent's uncontested admission to having engaged in diversion of hydromorphone for her own use subjects respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) and (i).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline was entered on August 30, 2013, provisionally suspending respondent's nursing license, and imposing a public reprimand and civil penalties in the total amount of \$750.00. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless respondent

requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was signed for, and the regular mailing was not returned, no response has been received to date. The Board considered this matter, and determined that service had been effected, as the Provisional Order had been sent to respondent's address of record with the Board. The Board further determined that inasmuch as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 19th day of November, 2013,

ORDERED that:

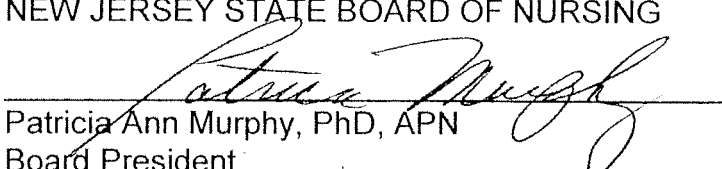
1. Respondent's New Jersey nursing license is hereby suspended for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3, and N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3. Respondent may not seek reinstatement of her license until she has fully responded to the Board's May 2, 2003 inquiry and demonstrated completion of the May 31, 2009-June 1, 2011 continuing education requirement; and until she can demonstrate that she is fit and competent to practice nursing by undergoing evaluation under the auspices of the Board-approved evaluator.

2. A public reprimand is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

3. A civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 is hereby imposed upon respondent for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2, -1.3; and in the amount of \$250.00 for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:37-5.3, for a total amount of \$750.00

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:


Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President